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[*on the report of the Second Committee (A/62/418)*]

62/187. Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus

The General Assembly,

Recalling the International Conference on Financing for Development, held in Monterrey, Mexico, from 18 to 22 March 2002, and its resolutions 56/210 B of 9 July 2002, 57/250 of 20 December 2002, 57/270 B of 23 June 2003, 57/272 and 57/273 of 20 December 2002, 58/230 of 23 December 2003, 59/225 of 22 December 2004, 60/188 of 22 December 2005 and 61/191 of 20 December 2006, as well as Economic and Social Council resolutions 2002/34 of 26 July 2002, 2003/47 of 24 July 2003, 2004/64 of 16 September 2004, 2006/45 of 28 July 2006 and 2007/30 of 27 July 2007,

Recalling also the 2005 World Summit Outcome,[1]

Recalling further its resolution 60/265 of 30 June 2006 on the follow-up to the development outcome of the 2005 World Summit, including the Millennium Development Goals and the other internationally agreed development goals, and its resolution 61/16 of 20 November 2006 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the reports of the Secretary-General,[2]

Taking note also of the summary by the President of the General Assembly of the High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development, held in New York from 23 to 25 October 2007,[3]

Taking note further of the summary by the President of the Economic and Social Council of the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, held in New York on 16 April 2007,[4]

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[1] See resolution 60/1.

[2] A/62/190 and A/62/217.

[3] A/62/550.

[4] A/62/76-E/2007/55 and Corr.1.

Welcoming with appreciation the offer of the Government of Qatar to host the follow-up international conference to review the implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development, in accordance with paragraph 73 of the Monterrey Consensus[5] and its resolutions 60/188 and 61/191,

Noting the steps taken by the President of the General Assembly at its sixty-first session to initiate direct intergovernmental consultations of the whole, with the participation of all Member States and the major institutional stakeholders involved in the financing for development process, on all issues related to the review conference,

1. *Decides* that the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus:

(*a*) Will be held in Doha from 29 November to 2 December 2008;

(*b*) Will be held at the highest possible political level, including with the participation of Heads of State or Government, ministers, special representatives and other representatives, as appropriate;

(*c*) Will include plenary meetings and six interactive multi-stakeholder round tables on the themes based on the six major thematic areas of the Monterrey Consensus;[5]

(*d*) Will result in an intergovernmentally agreed outcome;

(*e*) Will also result in summaries of the plenary meetings and of the round-table discussions, to be included in the report of the conference;

2. *Reiterates* that the Review Conference should assess progress made, reaffirm goals and commitments, share best practices and lessons learned and identify obstacles and constraints encountered, actions and initiatives to overcome them and important measures for further implementation, as well as new challenges and emerging issues;

3. *Reaffirms its resolve* to continue to make full use of the existing institutional arrangements for reviewing the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, as set out in paragraph 69 of the Consensus and in line with resolution 57/270 B, including the high-level dialogues convened by the General Assembly and the spring meetings of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, bearing in mind the need to enhance the effectiveness of the follow-up process of the Monterrey Consensus;

4. *Stresses* the importance of the full involvement of all relevant stakeholders in the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus at all levels, and also stresses the importance of their full participation in the follow-up process, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, in particular the accreditation procedures and modalities of participation utilized at the International Conference on Financing for Development, held in Monterrey, and in its preparatory process;

5. *Invites* non-governmental organizations and business sector entities to participate in the Review Conference and its preparatory process, in accordance

[5] *Report of the International Conference on Financing for Development, Monterrey, Mexico, 18-22 March 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.II.A.7), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

with the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, in particular the accreditation procedures and modalities of participation utilized at the Monterrey Conference and in its preparatory process, and decides that:

(*a*) Registration will be open to all non-governmental organizations that are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and to all non-governmental organizations and business sector entities accredited to the Monterrey Conference or to its follow-up process;

(*b*) Interested non-governmental organizations and business sector entities that are not in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council or were not accredited to the Monterrey Conference shall apply to the General Assembly for accreditation following the accreditation procedures established during the Conference;

(*c*) The above arrangements concerning participation of non-governmental organizations and business sector entities in the Review Conference and its preparatory process will in no way create a precedent for meetings of the General Assembly;

6. *Reaffirms* the special role that the international financial and trade institutions, in particular the major institutional stakeholders involved in the financing for development process, are invited to play in all aspects of the Review Conference, including their active involvement in its preparatory work, following the experience of the Monterrey Conference;

7. *Calls upon* the regional commissions, with the support of regional development banks and other relevant entities, to hold regional consultations, as appropriate, during the first half of 2008, which would serve to provide inputs to the preparations for the Review Conference;

8. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly at its sixty-second session to continue direct intergovernmental consultations of the whole with the participation of all States and the major institutional stakeholders involved in the financing for development process on all issues related to the Review Conference, and decides that those consultations must be scheduled in advance and must be open, inclusive and transparent;

9. *Also requests* the President of the General Assembly to provide a programme of work, from within existing resources, taking into account relevant meetings scheduled for 2008 and their outcomes, including six substantive informal review sessions of the whole on the six thematic areas of the Monterrey Consensus, of a maximum duration of eleven working days plus one working day for informal interactive hearings with representatives of civil society and the business sector during the period from January to June 2008, to be followed by informal consultations on the contents of the outcome document of the Review Conference, with the view to presenting the first draft outcome document by the end of July 2008, followed by informal consultations and drafting sessions, as required, in the period from September 2008 until the holding of the Review Conference;

10. *Further requests* the President of the General Assembly, with the support of the United Nations Secretariat to prepare informal summaries of the review sessions referred to in paragraph 9 above, as inputs to the preparations for the Review Conference;

11. *Invites* Governments and all relevant stakeholders, including the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the World Trade Organization, the United

Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Development Programme, regional development banks and all other relevant regional bodies, to provide substantive inputs to the preparatory process of the Review Conference, including the activities referred to in paragraph 9 above;

12. *Invites* donor Governments and other relevant stakeholders to continue to provide extrabudgetary resources, in particular through voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development, in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Review Conference in 2008, and to support the travel and participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular least developed countries;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit by the end of July 2008 a report on the latest developments related to the review process on financing for development and the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus;

14. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a note on the organization of work of the Review Conference;

15. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-third session an item entitled "Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the preparation of the 2008 Review Conference".

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